

Meeting Log

Subject: Briefing of CPSC staff by American Gas Association (AGA) on its proposal for additional requirements for carbon monoxide detectors

Date: August 20, 1996

Place: Room 724, CPSC, Bethesda, MD.

Source: Walt A. Sanders, Counselor to the Chairman

CPSC Staff: Walt A. Sanders (COAB)

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Others: Charles Fritts (AGA)

George Gruss (IAS)
Jim Ranfone (AGA)
Murray Liebman (AGA)
Irwin Billick (Gas Research Institute)

Summary:

The meeting was closed to the public because the subject matter presented was non-public and proprietary.

The American Gas Association (AGA) briefed CPSC staff on a proposal developed by the gas industry for supplemental requirements for carbon monoxide detectors. The recommended changes would impose additional requirements to the current standard for carbon monoxide detectors (UL 2034). The AGA told CPSC staff that the gas industry had been concerned about the problem of oversensitive CO detectors that alarm when low levels of carbon monoxide are present. AGA presented findings from an AGA study that 90 percent of the 13,000 emergency calls made by utility companies, nationwide, found no health- or life-threatening levels of carbon monoxide levels in the home. The AGA said the recommended changes would make carbon monoxide detectors more reliable and less likely to alarm at low carbon monoxide levels.

The AGA said it would present its recommendations to and solicit comments from the CO detector manufacturers at a future meeting.

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